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Submission of IDS

The IDS filed on January 24, 2002 while the issue fee was paid on January 22, 2002. The IDS is filed under 37 CFR 1.97 (d), after the issue fee was paid. The IDS has been placed in the file but not considered.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to J. Parsa, whose telephone number is (703)308-4615. The Examiner's normal work hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If Examiner is not in, please leave a message. Your call will be return as soon as possible. Any general inquiry of a general relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1235. The Examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter, may be reached at (703)308-4532. Communications may now be transmitted via FAX directly to group 1600. The group 1600 FAX machine number is (703)308-4556.

J. Parsa

June 24, 2002

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-6, 14, and 15, drawn to a catalyst structure, classified in class 502, subclass 300+.
 - II. Claims 10-13, 16, and 17, drawn to a Fischer-Tropsh synthesis process, classified in class 518, subclass 700+.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process such a catalyst for the purification of nitrogen oxides.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. During a telephone conversation with Stephen May on June 6, 2000 a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 10-13, 16, and 17. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this

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Office action. Claims 1-6, 14, and 15 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).